

# H. R. 266.

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FEBRUARY 27, 1821.

Read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House  
on the state of the Union.

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## A BILL

*For carrying into execution the Treaty between the United States  
and Spain, concluded at Washington, on the twenty-second day  
of February, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.*

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, au-  
4   thorized to take possession of, and occupy, the territories of  
5   East and West Florida, ~~and the appendages~~ and appurte-  
6   nances thereof; and to remove and transport the officers and  
7   soldiers of the King of Spain, being there, to the Havanna,  
8   agreeably to the stipulations of the Treaty between the Unit-  
9   ed States and Spain, concluded at Washington on the twenty-  
10   second day of February, in the year one thousand eight hun-  
11   dred and nineteen, providing for the cession of said ter-  
12   ritories to the United States; and he may, for these purposes,  
13   and in order to maintain in said territories the authority of

14 the United States, employ any part of the army and navy of  
15 the United States, and the militia of any state or territory,  
16 which he may deem necessary.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, until the end  
2 of the first session of the next Congress, unless provision  
3 for the temporary government of said territories be sooner  
4 made by Congress, all the military, civil, and judicial powers  
5 exercised by the officers of the existing government of the  
6 same territories, shall be vested in such person, and persons,  
7 and shall be exercised in such manner, as the President of  
8 the United States shall direct, for the maintaining the inha-  
9 bitants of said territories in the free enjoyment of their  
10 liberty, property, and religion; and the laws of the United  
11 States relating to the revenue and its collection, subject to  
12 the modification stipulated by the fifteenth article of the said  
13 Treaty, in favor of Spanish vessels and their cargoes, and the  
14 laws relating to the importation of persons of color, shall be  
15 extended to the said territories. And the President of the  
16 United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized, within  
17 the term aforesaid, to establish such districts for the collec-  
18 tion of the revenue, and, during the recess of Congress, to  
19 appoint such officers, whose commissions shall expire at the  
20 end of the next session of Congress, to enforce the said laws,  
21 as to him shall seem expedient.

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of  
 2 the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint,  
 3 during the recess of the Senate, a Commissioner and Survey-  
 4 or, whose commissions shall expire at the end of the next  
 5 session of Congress, to meet the Commissioner and Survey-  
 6 or who may be appointed on the part of Spain, for the pur-  
 7 poses stipulated in the fourth article of said Treaty: and that  
 8 the President be, and he is hereby, further authorized to  
 9 take all other measures which he shall judge proper, for car-  
 10 rying into effect the stipulations of the said fourth article.

1        SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That a Board of three  
 2 Commissioners shall be appointed conformably to the stipu-  
 3 lations of the eleventh article of the said Treaty: and the  
 4 President of the United States is hereby authorized to take  
 5 any measures which he may deem expedient, for organizing  
 6 the said ~~Board of Commissioners, and, for this purpose,~~ may  
 7 appoint a Secretary, two Clerks, an Interpreter, and a Soli-  
 8 citor, to maintain before the said Board the interests of the  
 9 United States, in relation to any claims which may be brought  
 10 before them; which appointments, if made during the recess  
 11 of the Senate, shall, at the next meeting of that body, be sub-  
 12 ject to nomination for their advice and consent.

1        SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the compensation  
 2 of the respective officers, for whose appointment provision  
 8 is made by this act, shall not exceed the following sums:

4       The Commissioner to be appointed conformably to the  
5 fourth article, at the rate, by the year, of  
6 dollars.

7      To the Surveyor      dollars.

8        To each of the three Commissioners to be appointed  
9   conformably to the eleventh article of the Treaty,  
10   dollars.

**11 To the Secretary of the Board, dollars.**

12	To the two Clerks, each	dollars.
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13      **To the Interpreter,**      **dollars.**

14      **To the Solicitor,**      **dollars.**

**SEC. 6.** *And be it further enacted,* That, for carrying this act into execution, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be taken from any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.